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1. [redacted] a four-page report which gives information on Soviet and East German Army activities in the Eisenach area, including construction, installations, equipment, aircraft, exercises, telephone lines, shipments and personnel.

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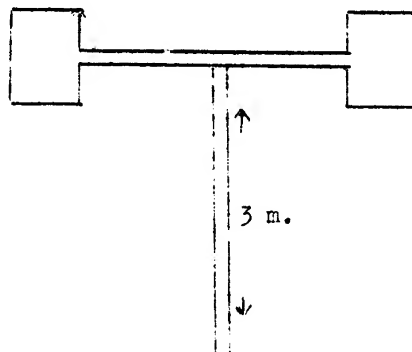
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EAST GERMANY/U.S.S.R.MILITARYSOVIET AND EGA ACTIVITY IN THE EISENACH AREA.

(23 Jan. - 13 Feb., 1959.)

NEW SOVIET SITE.

1. Progress continues on the new site which Soviet troops are preparing north of the road running from EISENACH to GROSSENBEHRINGEN, at a point opposite KINDEL Forest, approx. at MR 018522.
2. The four parallel roads which the Soviets are constructing have now attained a much greater length and on 13th February, 1959, the two middle ones stretched as far as the eye could see from the EISENACH-GROSSENBEHRINGEN road. One x T34 tank was moving along one of the roads and had a clearance on each side of about one half metre.
3. No new buildings have been constructed at the site but a number of posts and signs have appeared. Along one side of one of the four parallel roads - the one nearest GROSSENBEHRINGEN - a series of poles has been erected. The poles, which are [] about 30-40 m. apart, are each topped with a round, red shield. 50X1-HUM
4. Scattered around amongst the small houses which have been built east of the roads are more poles. These are also some 3 m. tall and have at the top a board attached at right angles. At each end of the board is attached a square piece of wood. These cross-boards and square pieces are in a variety of colours - blue, red and white - and the whole contraption looks rather like this:



These poles appear to be set up in no particular pattern.

5. The road from EISENACH to GROSSENBEHRINGEN is now closed except for workers' buses.

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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY.6. 23 Jan. 59.

- a) GOTHHA and OHRDRUF. All quiet.
- b) NOHRA airfield. No activity. Neither planes nor helicopters present.
- c) 0830 hours. One low-loader, unattended, was parked in front of the PANZER KASERNE (BS 8142) GERA.
- d) A trench some 500 m. long and 2 m. deep has been dug along the long rampart which runs between the Autobahn and BS 8142, GERA. Troops were still working on it on 23rd January, 1959.
- e) 1700 hours. 3 x low-loaders drawn by TPM's left the WORMLITZER KASERNE (BS 8203) HALLE. There was no load on the low-loaders but each TPM carried 4-6 Soviet troops.

7. 26 Jan. 59.

- a) 0745 hours. Four helicopters were parked on NOHRA airfield.
- b) GOTHHA and OHRDRUF. All quiet.

8. 27 Jan. 59.

- a) 1300 hours. 4 x T34 and 3 x JSU 122A were manoeuvring on open ground beside the new Soviet building site at KINDEL. Some 12-15 Soviet officers were watching from the upper storey of a building on the new site.
- b) 1700 hours. The same AFV's as mentioned above were still on the KINDEL site. Also present were a number of Soviet jeeps

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9. 28 Jan. 59.

- a) GOTHHA. All quiet.
- b) A number of T.34's were driving around an open stretch of ground some 4 km. from GOTHHA in the direction of TUTTLEBEN and about 1 km. short of TUTTLEBEN. Some new houses, built of stone, have recently been constructed near this open ground. From here telegraph poles, carrying five lines fixed directly to the poles, run across the GOTHHA-TUTTLEBEN road and thence to the INFANTERIE KASERNE (BS 8181) GOTHHA.
- c) From BS 8181 two sets of telephone lines cross Walterhausen str. and run south over gardens and open ground. Each set consists of 8 lines. One pole some 200 m. from BS 8181 bears No. 149
49.
- d) From the east side of BS 8181 other telephone lines run towards GOTHHA town and appear to finish at the tramway depot at the junction of Walterhausen str. and Luderitz str.

10. 30 Jan. 59.

- a) GOTHHA and OHRDRUF. All quiet.

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11. 3 Feb. 59.

- a) 1300 hours. 2 x APC 4 x 4 BTR40 drove through the streets of OHRDRUF. [redacted]
- b) 1400 hours. A train arrived in GOTH A station from the ERFURT direction loaded with 5 x T34's and Soviet troops. The tanks were unloaded at 1600 hours.
- c) A number of Soviet jeeps with VRN's beginning with N-8..... were seen in the streets of OHRDRUF.

12. 5 Feb. 59.

- a) GOTH A and OHRDRUF. All quiet.
- b) EGA troops returned to MUEHLHAUSEN from the KINDEL area.

13. 7 Feb. 59.

- a) 0800 hours. A train from the MEININGEN direction, travelling in the direction of GOTH A, passed through EISENACH station. It carried:
- 6 x T34
2 x field kitchens.
4 x APC 4 x 4 BTR 40
[redacted] Soviet troops.

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14. 9 Feb. 59.

- a) 1500 hours. 3 x JS3 and two radar-equipped trucks drove into the HEIDE KASERNE (BS 8201) HALLE. The trucks had each 2 machine guns mounted on the driving cabin and carried 6 Soviet troops. The radar equipment was mounted in the body of the truck, which was open apart from side and tail boards, and appeared to be some 4 m [redacted] The lower half of the equipment could not be seen because of the truck side and tail boards, but the upper half looked like a FIRECAN cut across the middle, i.e. half a disc instead of the full circle.
- b) GOTH A. All quiet.
- c) OHRDRUF. 0815 hours. Soviet infantry troops were undergoing training at SCHWADHAUSEN training ground. A number of tents had been pitched and a number of light guns were present.
- d) 1200 hours. 3 x APC 4 x 4 BTR 40 were seen on the road from GEORGENTHAL to OHRDRUF.

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15. 11 Feb. 59.

- a) 1100 hours. A train passed through NEUDLETENDORF in the direction of GOTH A from the direction of ERFURT. It carried:

3 x APC 4 x 4
about 12 x 85 mm. guns
A number of TPM's
12 x trucks
1 x W/T truck
1 x field kitchen
Some 57 mm A/T guns



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The train halted in GOTH A for some hours and then moved off in the direction of OHRDRUF.

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16. 13 Feb. 59.

- a) 1500 hours. 7 x T34's were parked near the new Soviet building site at KINDEL. By 1600 hours all the T.34's had left except one. At 1630 hours 6 x T34's, accompanied by trucks and jeeps, were seen in BERKA coming from the KINDEL direction.
- b) A large wood known as the HAINICH Forest, lying between KINDEL and BERKA, is being cut down by Soviet and EGA troops. The area being cleared lies around MR 005550 (GERMANY 1:25000,

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17. 11, 12, 13 Feb. 59.

- a) EGA troops were undergoing training at WINDEBERG, near SCHWABHAUSEN. Some 400 infantry troops were seen with A/T guns and APC's.

18. 14 Feb. 59.

- a) From the TRUPPEN LAGER (BS 8421) OHDRUF a telephone line consisting of 7 wires comes out on the NE side and runs off in the GOTHA direction.

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